

### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The present invention facilitates memory device operation by mitigating power consumption during suspend modes of operation, also referred to as sleep / data retention modes. This is accomplished by employing one or more gate-sinking voltage keeper components that operate as leakage current sinks during the suspend mode of operation instead of gate-sourcing voltage keeper components that operate as leakage current sources during the suspend mode of operation, on a circuit node whose voltage level is maintained by a sinking voltage regulator. As a result, less leakage current is required to be dissipated/sunk by a voltage regulator and/or other circuit paths or components of the memory device. Thus, relatively less power is consumed.